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SUBJ: SPECIAL SESSION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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1. SUMMARY: SPECIAL SESSION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN 4/12. TOPICS TO BE DEALT WITH REPORTEDLY INCLUDE (1) BLUE HOUSE BUGGIN ISSUE, (2) THREE-PARTY KOREA TALKS AND KOREAN CONFEDERATION PROPOSAL, AND (3) "OTHER US/ROK PENDING ISSUES". END SUMMARY.

2. 4/10 PRESS REPORTS OPPOSITION NDP AND RULING CAMP HAVE AGREED TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE STARTING 4/12 (DURATION OF SESSION YET UNDETERMINED). SESSION APPEARS TO BE AT INITIATIVE OF NDP (WHICH BOYCOTTED FORMIN'S 3/31 LUNCHEON FOR COMMITTEE -- SEE REFTEL).

3. PRESS QUOTES NDP HEAD YI CH'UL-SUNG, FOLLOWING MORNING MEETING WITH SPEAKER CHUNG IL-KWON, SAYING "THE BUGGING

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CASE IS A SERIOUS MATTER INFRINGING ON OUR NATION'S SOVEREIGNTY AND THE ASSEMBLY MUST FIND OUT THE TRUTH, IF NECESSARY BY CALLING TO THE ASSEMBLY AMERICAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED". YI ALSO REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED THAT ROKG HAS NO FIRM POSITION TOWARDS THE ISSUE OF THREE-PARTY CONFERENCE.

4. DRP FLOOR LEADER, KIM YONG-TAE, VARIOUSLY QUOTED SAYING "CAN"/"SHOULD" DISCUSS SUMMONING AMBASSADOR PORTER AND US EMBASSY OFFICIALS. CHUNG IL-KWON REPORTEDLY BELIEVES THE QUESTION OF CALLING A MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION CAN ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING.

5. MOST REPORTS SELECT BUGGING ISSUE AS MAIN THRUST OF COMMITTEE MEETING, WITH SECONDARY INTEREST IN THREE-PARTY CONFERENCE PROPOSAL AND EVEN MENTIONING POSSIBLE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF PAK TONGSUN AND KIM DONG-JO ISSUES.

6. CHUNGANG ILBO SPECULATES THAT COMMITTEE "EXPECTED TO DEMAND" (1) CONVINCING USG EXPLANATION OF BUGGING ISSUE, (2) APPROPRIATE APOLOGY FROM USG, AND (3) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WARNING THE DANGER OF DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING KOREAN PENINSULA IN ABSENCE OF ROK.

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